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SUBJ: POSSIBLE FRENCH SALE OF IL-1081 EQUIPMENT

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1. USDEL HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM FRENCH DEL WHICH IS IN RESPONSE TO THE USDEL LETTER BASED ON REF. A. INFORMAL TRANSLATION OF SUBSTANTIVE PORTION OF LETTER IS AS FOLLOWS:

"YOU INFORMED ME OF YOUR CONCERNS REGARDING THE SUPPLY OF NINE PRESSES BY ATELIEES ET CHANTIERS DE BRETAGNE TO SOVIET CENTRAL PURCHASING AGENT AVTO-IMPORT INDICATING THAT ACCORDING TO YOUR AUTHORITIES THESE PRESSES WOULD BE COVERED BY THE STRATEGIC EMBARGO UNDER ARTICLE 1081. IN THIS REGARD I WOULD LIKE TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT ARTICLE 1081 COVERS FORMING MACHINES SPECIFICALLY INTENDED FOR THE AERONAUTICAL INDUSTRY. HOWEVER, THE NINE HORIZONTAL HYDRAULIC PRESSES IN QUESTION WHICH HAVE A FORCE OF BETWEEN 300 AND L,0 L00 TONS HAVE NOT BEEN SPECIFICALLY MADE TO RESPOND CONFIDENTIAL

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TO THE NEEDS OF THE AERONAUTICAL INDUSTRY AND ARE CURRENTLY UTILIZED IN THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY. IN PARTICULAR, SEVERAL OF THESE MACHINES HAVE BEEN SUPPLIED TO REGIE RENAULT, SOCIETE, KOEVER, AND ESTABLISSEMENTS BERLIET. BECAUSE OF THESE FACTS, MY DELEGATION BELIEVES THAT THESE PRESSES, BECAUSE OF THEIR LOW POWER AND THEIR DEMONSTRATED USE IN

THE AUTOMOBILE INDUSTRY ARE COVERED BY ARTICLE 1072 (B)."

2. FRENCH DEL'S RESPONSE DOES NOT DIRECTLY ADDRESS ALL OF THE POINTS RAISED IN REF A., AND CONTAINED IN THE USDEL LETTER. USDEL WILL RAISE THESE POINTS AGAIN WITH FRENCH DEL IN ANOTHER LETTER IF DEPARTMENT WISHES THIS TO BE DONE. HOWEVER, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT ANOTHER RESPONSE FROM THE FRENCH DELWILL BE ANY MORE FORTH-COMING. SALZMAN

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